



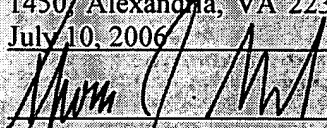
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RECOVERY TYPE OVEN  
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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT**

Examiner:

In response to the Office Action of **January 10, 2006**, Applicants submit this Response and Amendment and request that the Examiner please reconsider the rejection of the claims in the above-identified application. With this response, Applicants provide **Amendments to the Claims** beginning on page 2 and **Remarks/Arguments** beginning on page 6.